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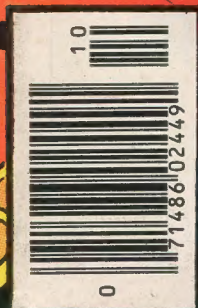
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"IT IS SET HIGH...



"CLOSER TO THE HEAVENS.

"GOOD-- BUT FOR A REASON THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CELESTIAL POSITION.



"MY RAGE IS MOUNTING...

"... FAR BEYOND THE SEETHING CALM FELT UPON RETURNING TO THE ROCKS OF HONG KONG.

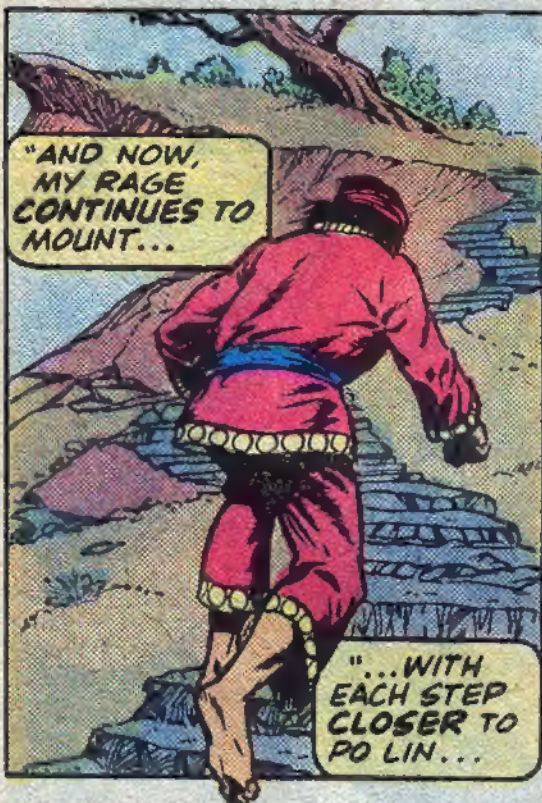
HOLD UP, CHI, OUR CONNECTION'S IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION.

YEAH, WHERE YA GOIN', CHINAMAN?



TO PO LIN MONASTERY.

"AND NOW, MY RAGE CONTINUES TO MOUNT...



"...WITH EACH STEP CLOSER TO PO LIN...

"... KNOWING THAT HE WAITS FOR ME, AND THAT THE KNOWLEDGE MEANT LITTLE--



"-- WEEKS AGO, ON THE BANKS OF A CHINA RIVER...



HE WILL BE AT THE PO LIN MONASTERY, OUTSIDE HONG KONG.

WHAT? BUT HOW DO YOU KNOW?



"IT MEANT LITTLE THEN, EVEN THOUGH HE HAD ALREADY TRIED TO TAKE MY LIFE TWICE-- THE SECOND TIME ON THE BANKS OF THAT RIVER...

"... AND THE FIRST TIME IN LONDON...



"... WHEN HE KNEW, BEFORE I DID--

"-- THAT I WOULD BE HERE.

--MUST SLAY YOU BEFORE YOU LEAVE LONDON!



"THERE ARE TOO MANY PRIESTS OUTSIDE, SOME TENDING THE GARDENS, CUTTING HERBS FOR INCENSE, OTHERS COMMUNING WITH SILENCE, BUT MOST SIMPLY BEING... PASSIVE."

WHY DO YOU JUST STAND HERE?

WE WAIT TO RETURN TO OUR MONASTERY.

WAIT? FOR WHAT?

FOR THE MONASTERY TO BE RETURNED TO US, SO THAT WE CAN RETURN.

"THEIR PATIENCE IS NOT MINE."

RETURNED TO YOU? IT HAS BEEN TAKEN AWAY? BY WHOM?



BY A WARRIOR. HE IS NAMED... SKULL-CRUSHER... AND ENJOYS HAIRLESS HEADS THE MOST.

AND YOU ACCEPT THIS? YOU ALLOW HIM TO USURP YOUR PLACE OF WORSHIP-- TO TURN IT INTO A WARRIOR'S DEN?



HE HAS TAKEN OVER THE SHELL, BUT HE CANNOT REMOVE THE PEARL.

HE HAS EVICTED US, BUT HE CANNOT TOUCH THE TRUE MASTER OF THE HOUSE. HIS SPIRIT LIVES ON INSIDE, AND WE WAIT UNTIL HE SENDS SOMEONE TO AID US-- TO RECLAIM HIS HOUSE.

AND WHY HAVE YOU COME HERE?



TO FACE THREE TESTS.

OH? SO YOU THINK.

SKULLCRUSHER CONTACTED YOU, JULIETTE?

YES... TO GIVE ME A MESSAGE-- FOR YOU.



BUT WHY DID YOU NOT CRY OUT-- LET ME KNOW HE WAS HERE?

HE... WOULD NOT HARM ME. I KNEW THAT. HIS MESSAGE WAS: IF YOU WISH TO FACE HIM--



... HE WILL BE THE NEW "MASTER" OF THE PO LIN TEMPLE. BUT TO PROVE YOURSELF WORTHY OF FIGHTING HIM YOU WILL FIRST HAVE TO PASS THE "TEST."

I WISH TO PROVE MYSELF WORTHY OF NOTHING BUT LIFE. I WILL NOT FACE HIS TEST NOR WILL I FIGHT HIM.



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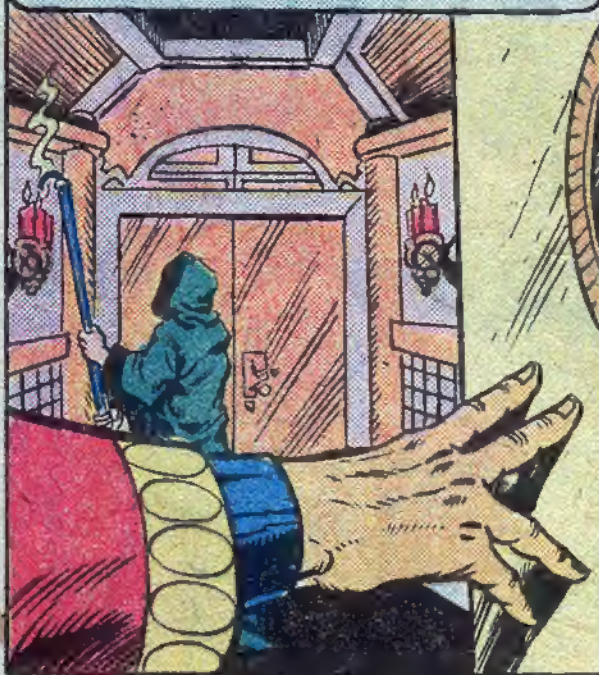
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"... AND TO FIND A SINGLE PRIEST-- BUT, SINCE NO PRIESTS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE..."

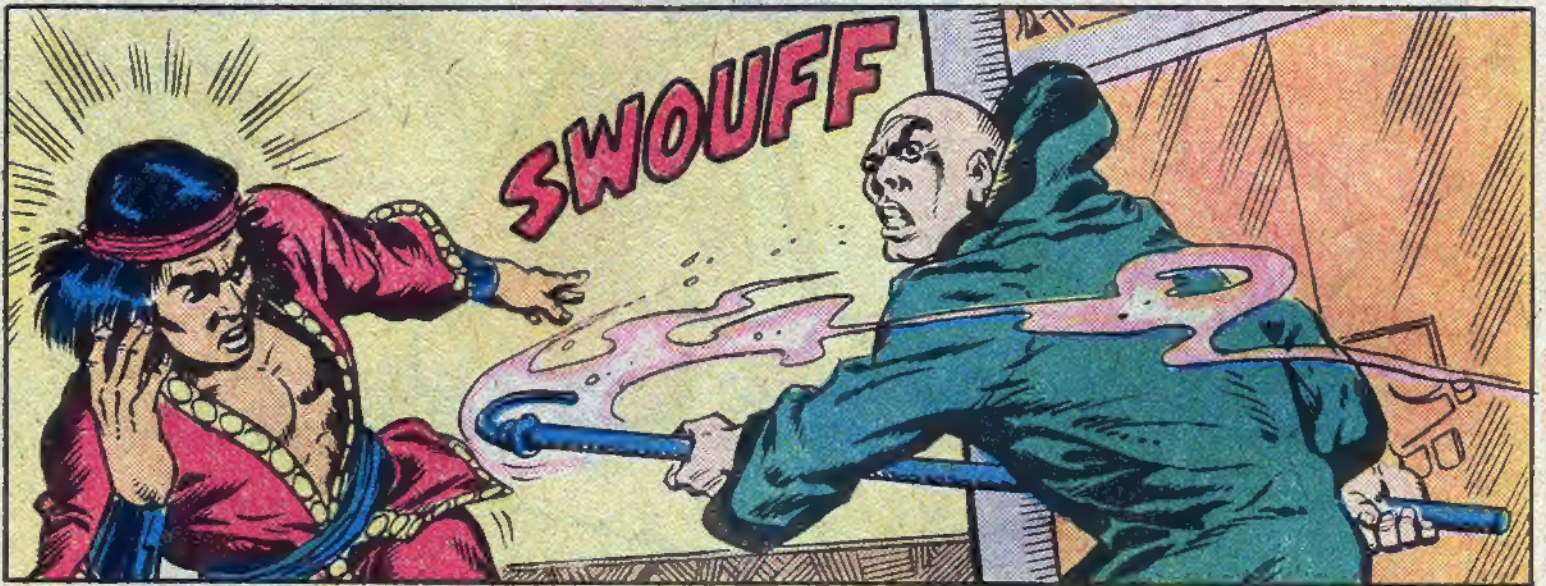


YOU ARE THE FIRST TEST?

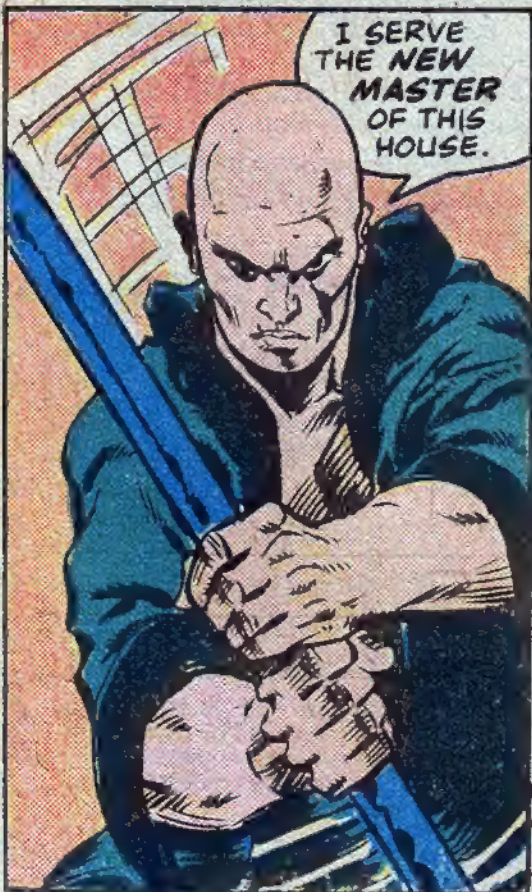


YES.

SWOUFF



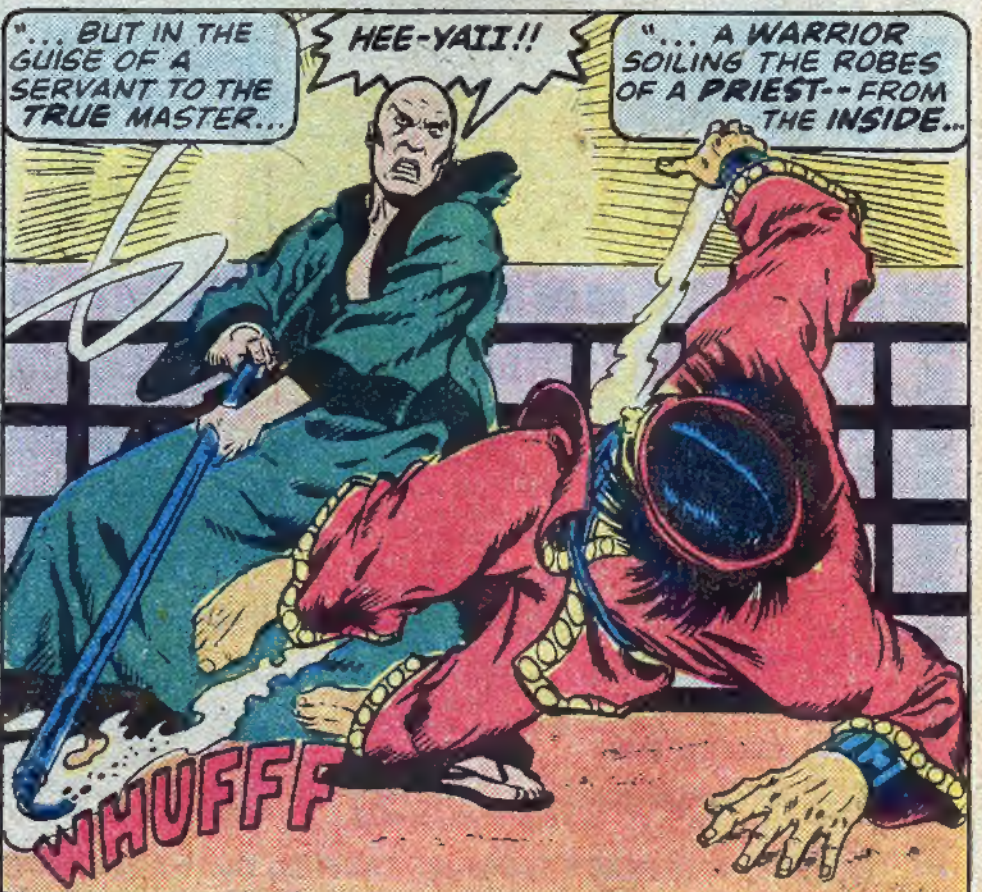
I SERVE THE NEW MASTER OF THIS HOUSE.



"... BUT IN THE GUISE OF A SERVANT TO THE TRUE MASTER..."

HEE-YAII!!

"... A WARRIOR SOILING THE ROBES OF A PRIEST-- FROM THE INSIDE..."

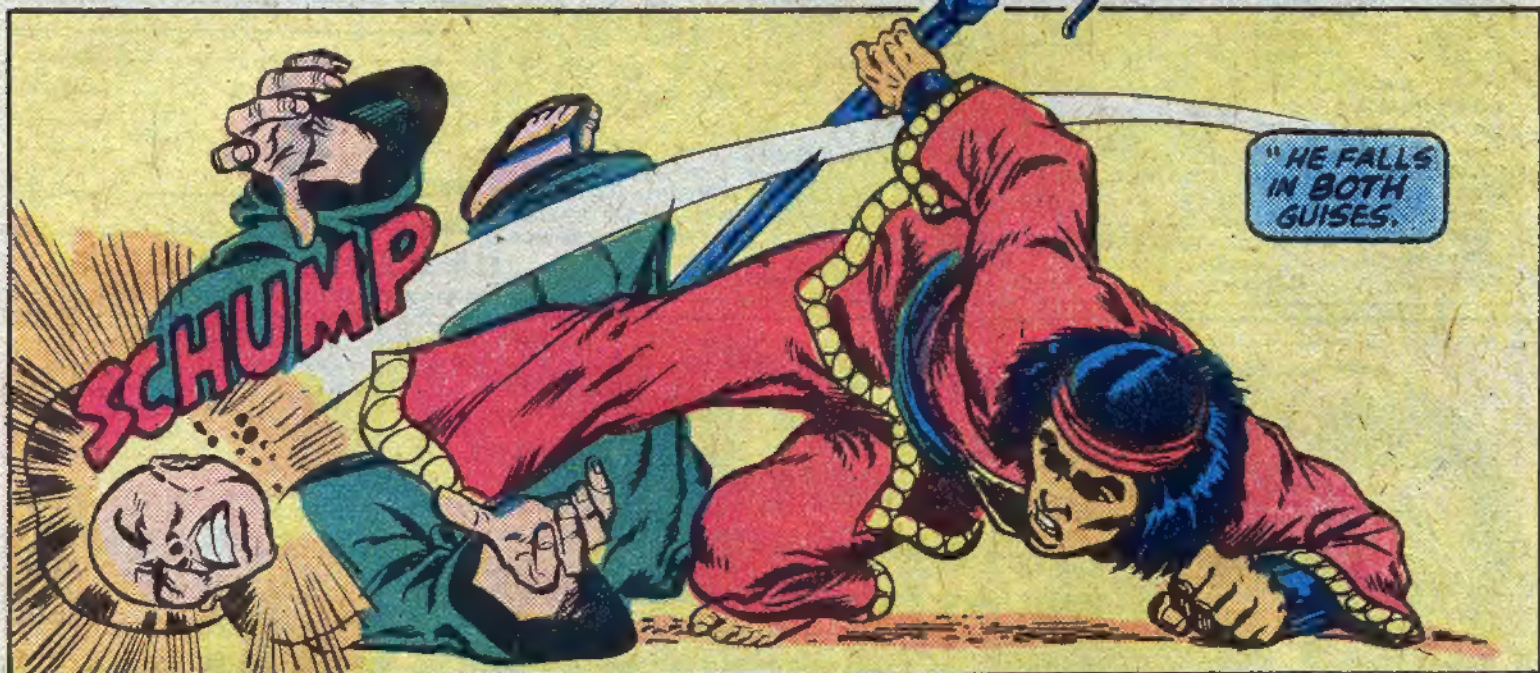
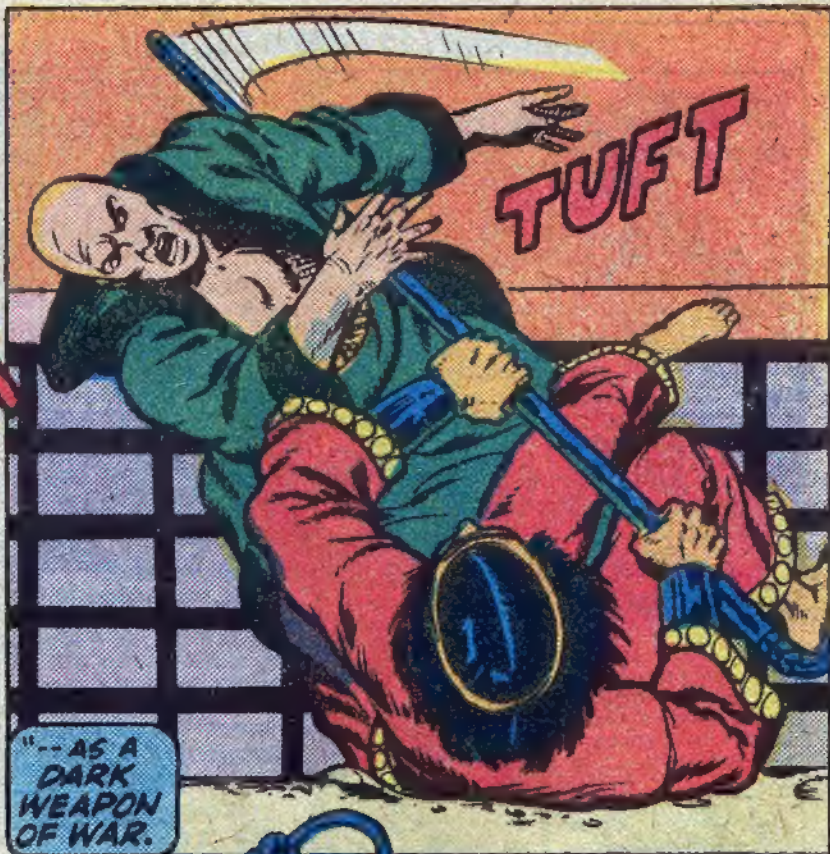


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"... AN AGENT OF DECEIT EMPLOYING
AN INSTRUMENT OF WORSHIP AND
LIGHT--



-- AS A
DARK
WEAPON
OF WAR.



"HE FALLS
IN BOTH
GUISES."



I AM ONLY...
THE FIRST
TEST.

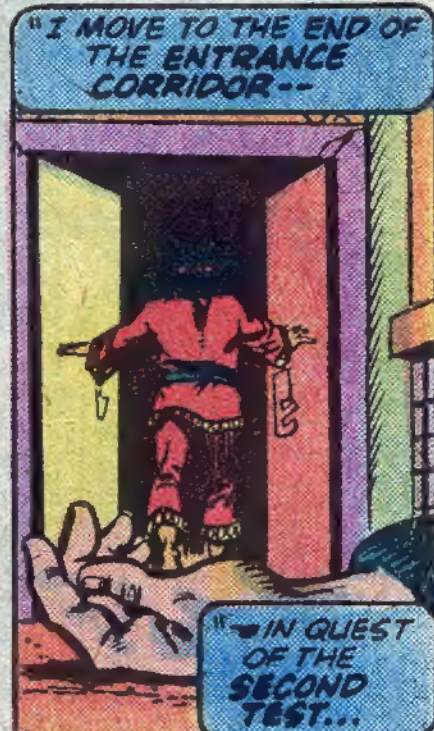


"AND THOUGH HE
KNEW HE HAD LOST..."

FRAK



"... HE SOUGHT TO
WIN IN DEFEAT."



"I MOVE TO THE END OF
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"IN QUEST
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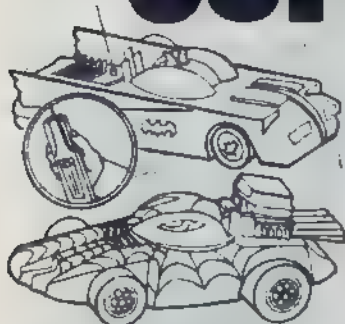
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TRUTH OF HIS
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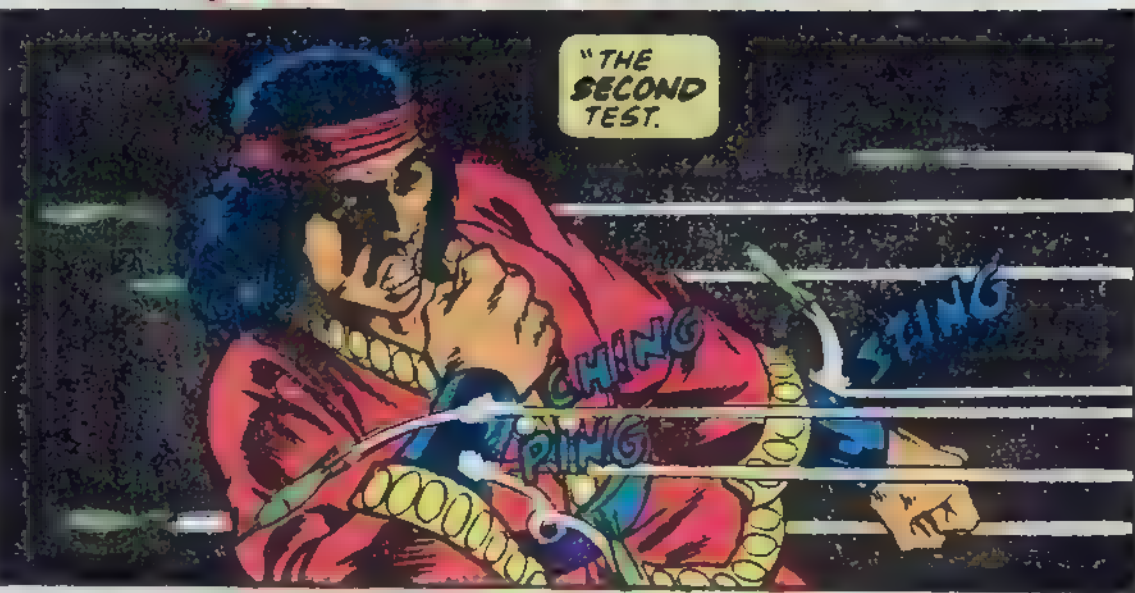


"THIS IS WHERE PASSIVE, WAITING PRIESTS
ONCE LIVED-- THE MONASTERY SECTION.

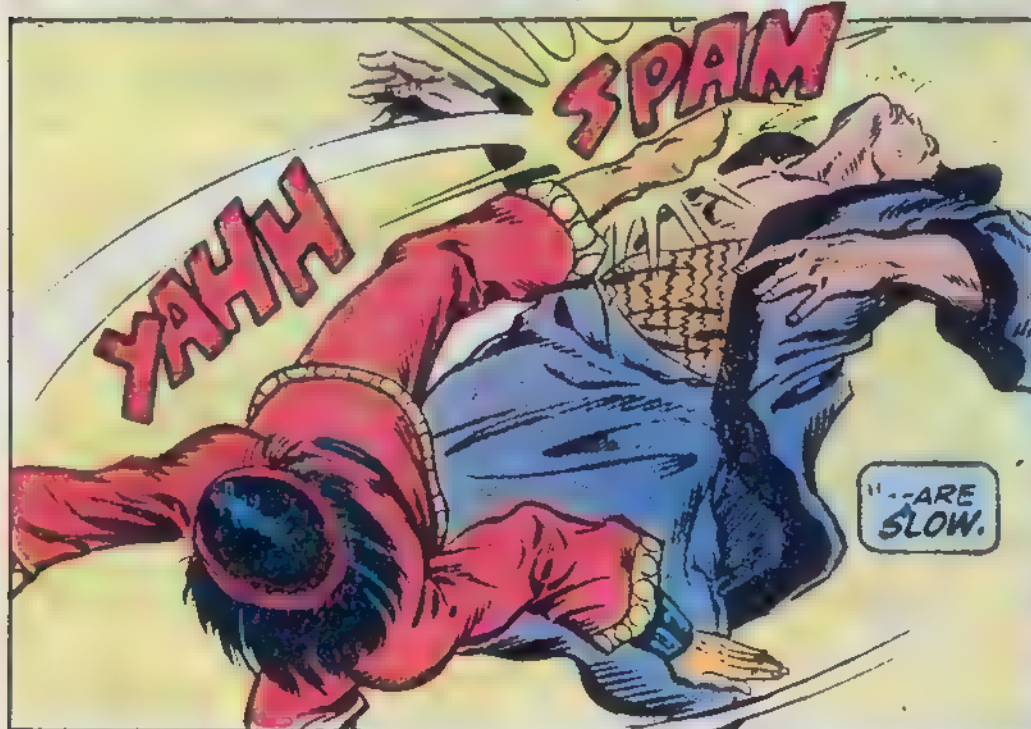
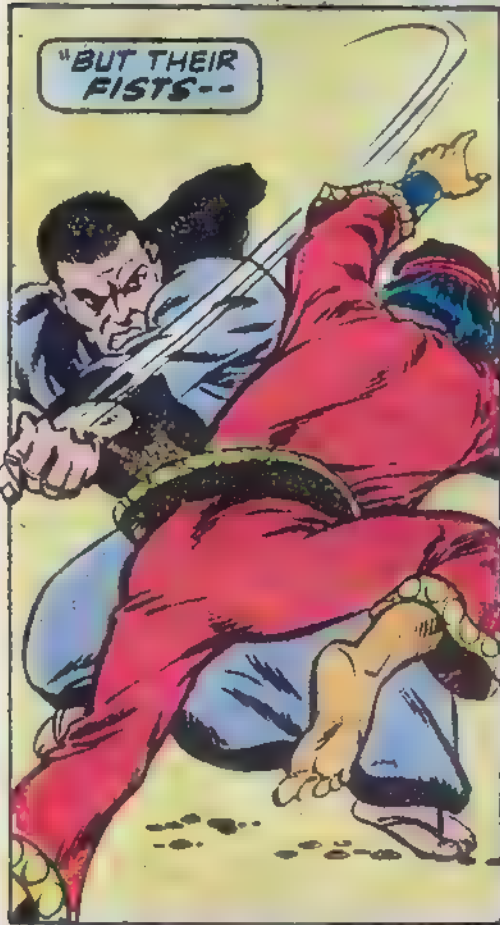


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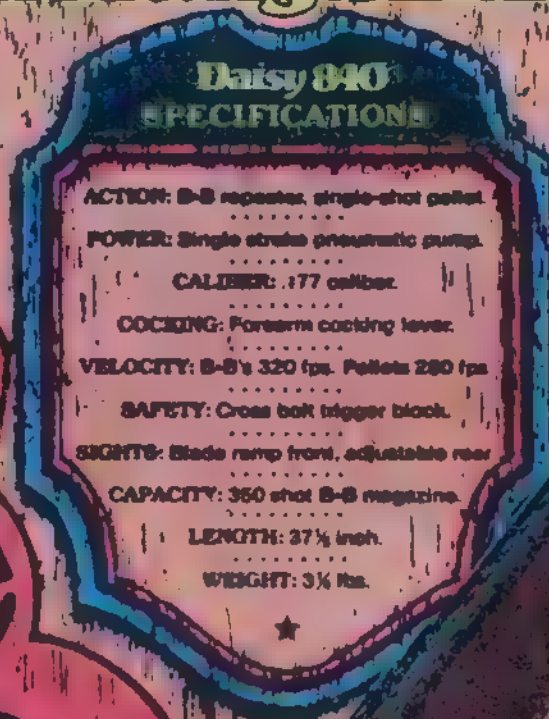
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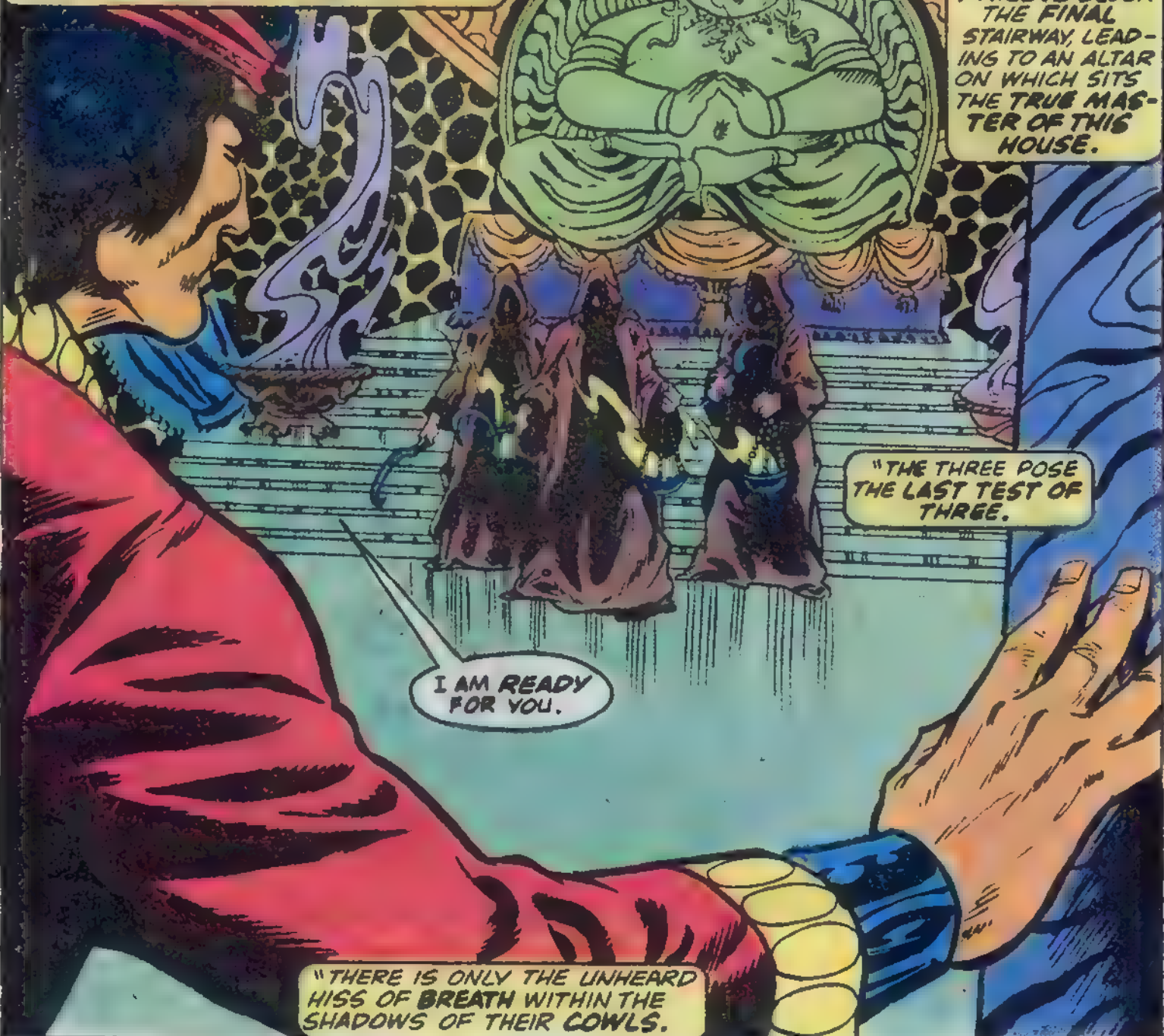
JULIETTE!



"AND SHE KNEW-- SHE KNEW-- HE WOULD NOT HARM HER...



"AND AT THE CREST OF THESE STEPS, IN THE VERY TOP OF THIS STRUCTURE I FIND THE TEMPLE ITSELF...

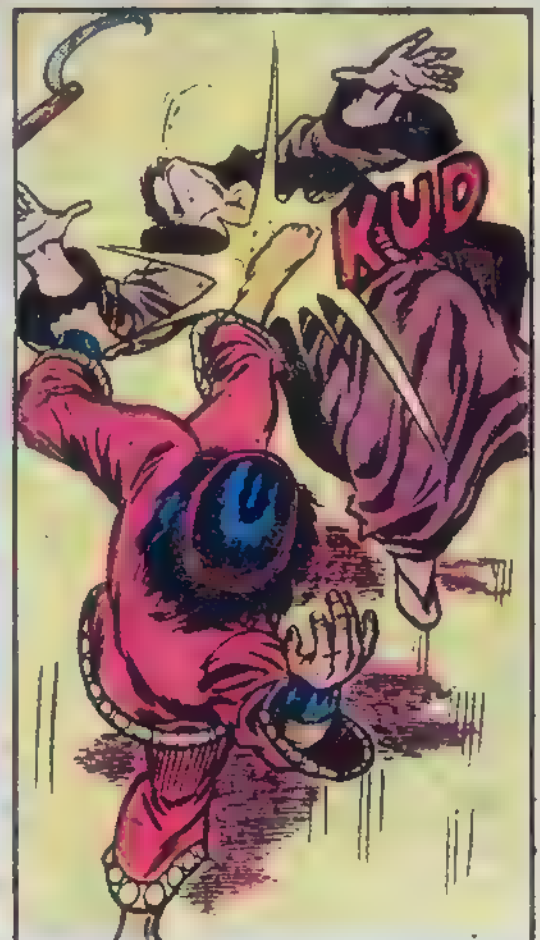
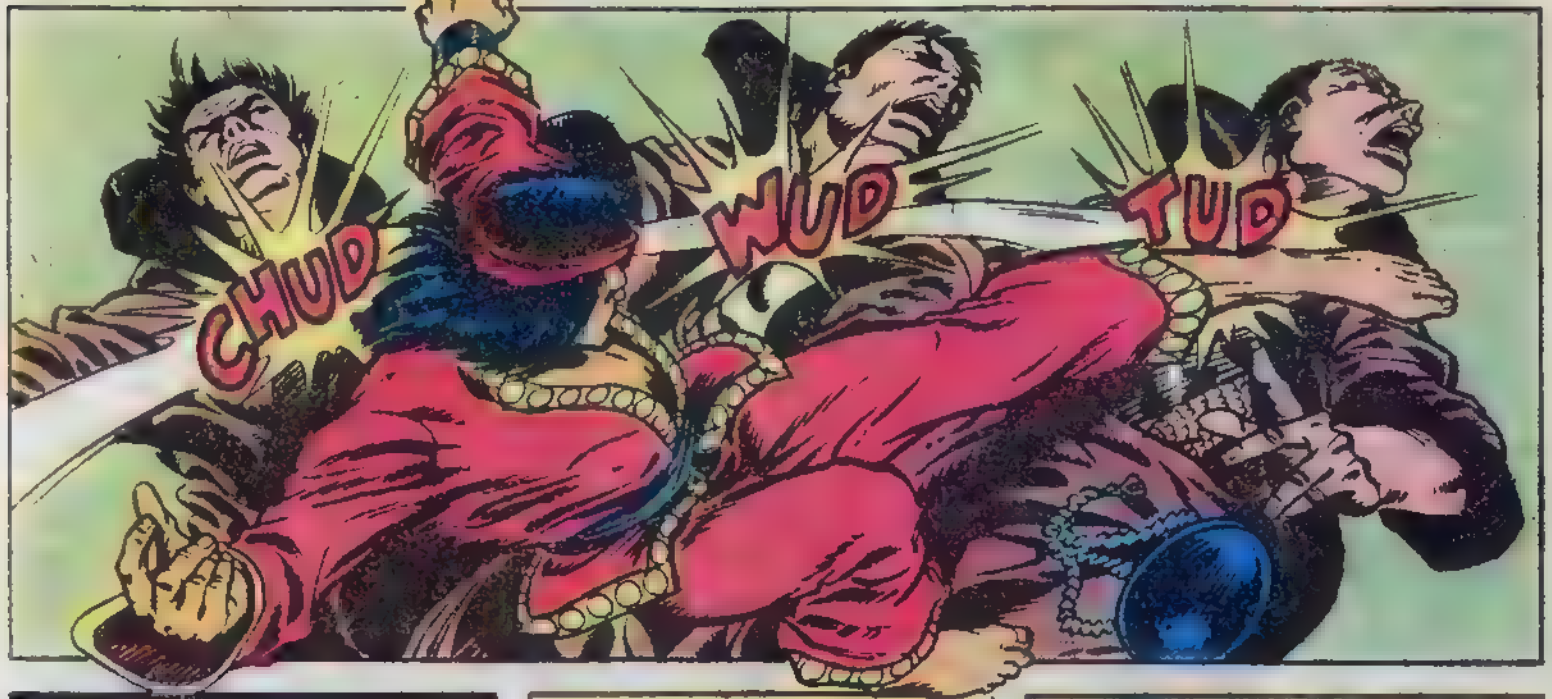
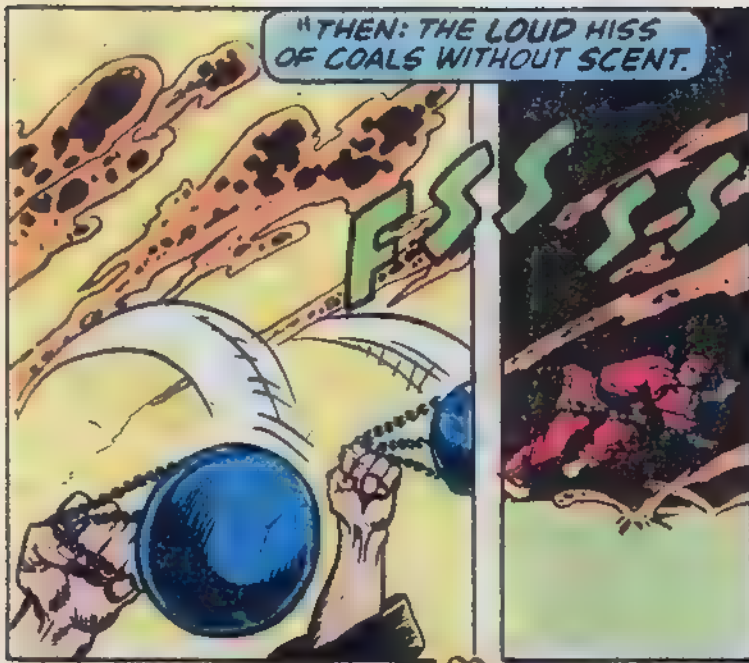


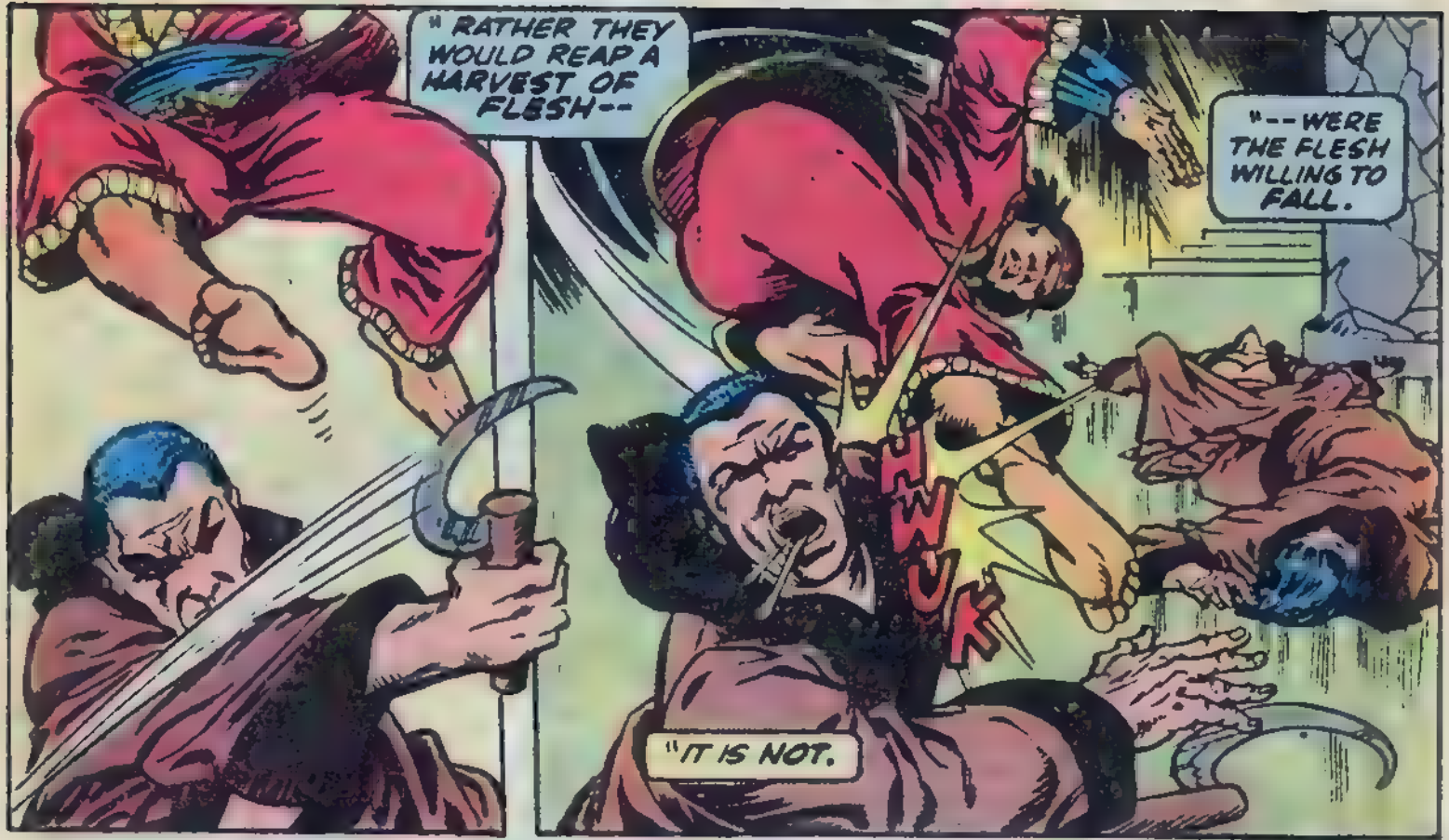
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"THE THREE POSE THE LAST TEST OF THREE.

I AM READY FOR YOU.

"THERE IS ONLY THE UNHEARD HISS OF BREATH WITHIN THE SHADOWS OF THEIR COWLS.





"MY MIND HAS BEEN BLIND-
ED BY THOUGHT, BY FURTHER
ENCHANTMENTS THAT MIGHT
HAVE BEEN, AND FOR THE
SECOND TIME HE SEEMS TO
APPEAR FROM NOWHERE.

SO, SON OF FU
MANCHU... YOU HAVE
ACCEPTED MY INVITATION
TO FACE THE NEW
MASTER OF THIS
HOUSE.

YOU HAVE
PASSED THE
TEST OF
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YOU HAVE
EARNED THE
RIGHT TO DIE
AT MY HANDS.

SHALL WE BEGIN?

WHU
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FOR WHAT
YOU HAVE
DONE TO
JULIETTE--

-- IT IS
YOU, SKULL
CRUSHER,
WHO WILL
DIE.

"MY RAGE CAN MOUNT
NO HIGHER, BUT HE
SAYS NOTHING...

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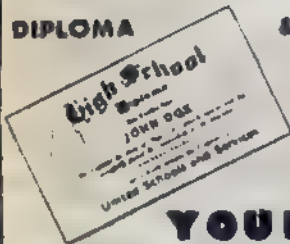
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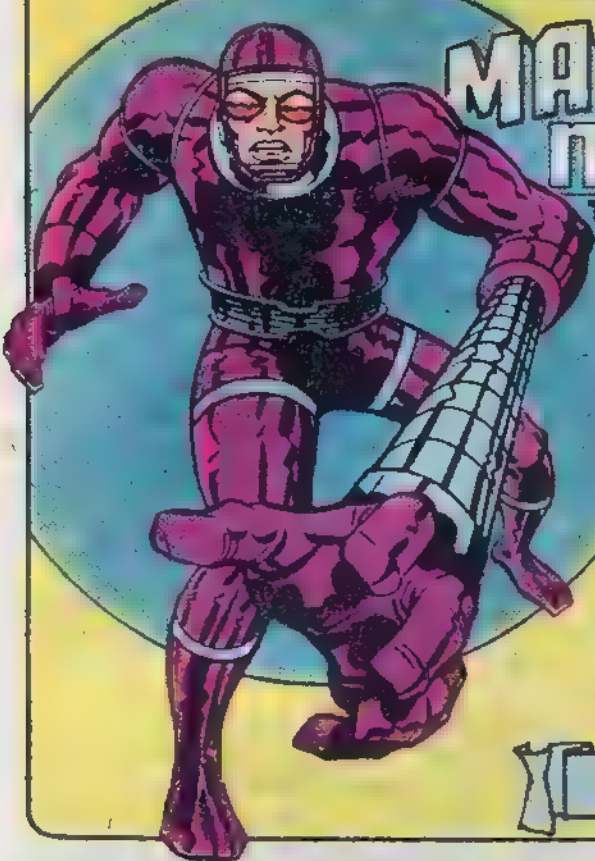
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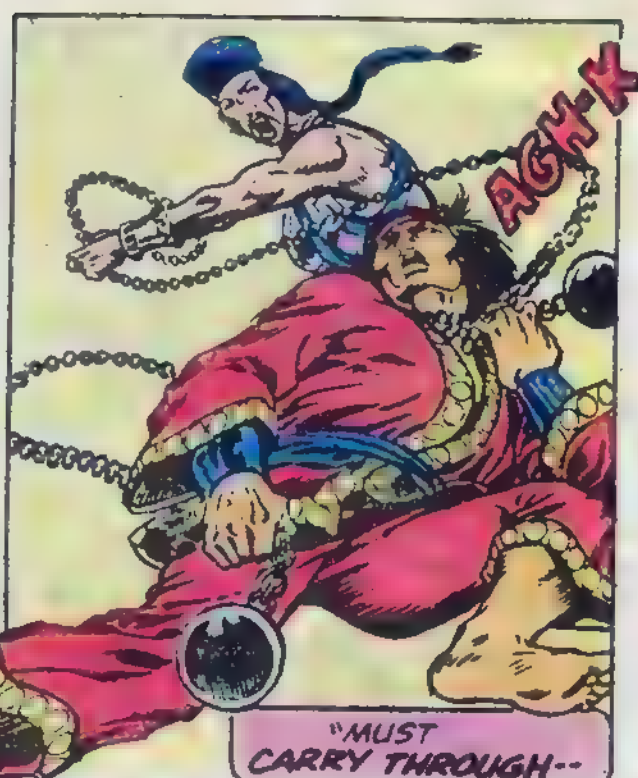
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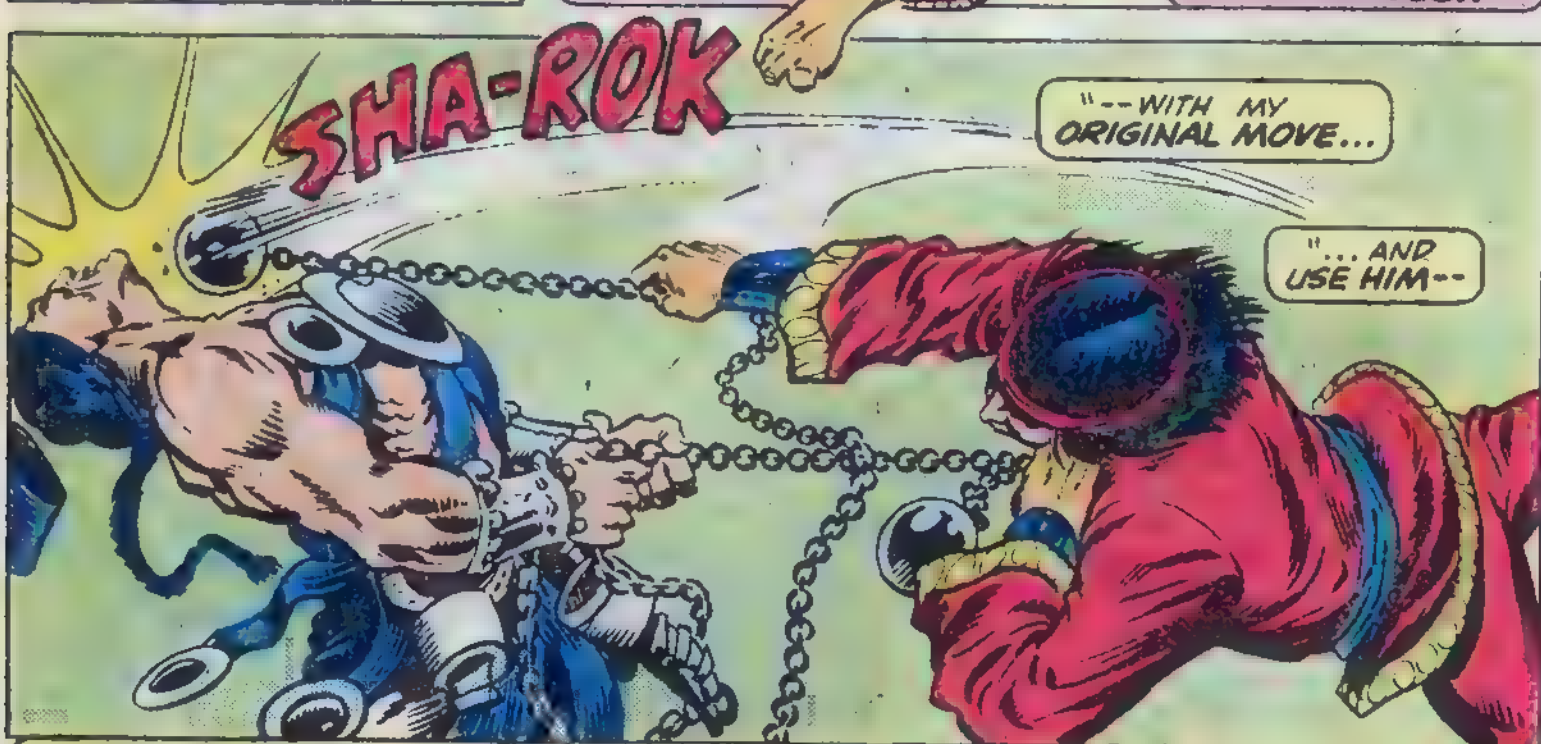
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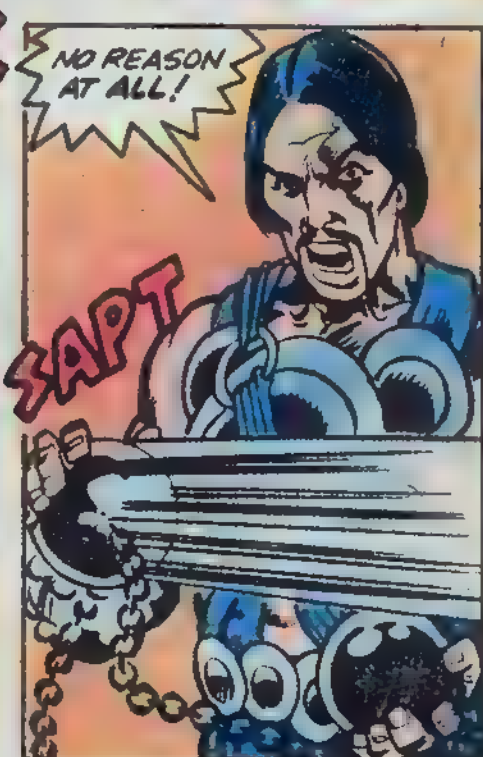
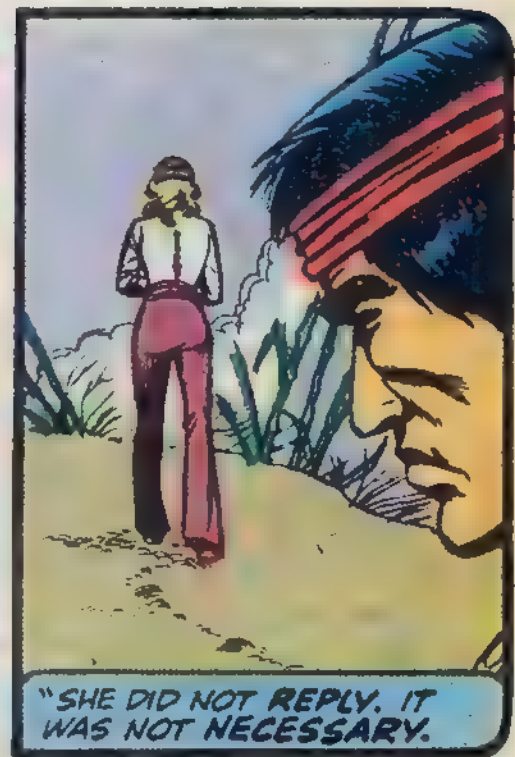
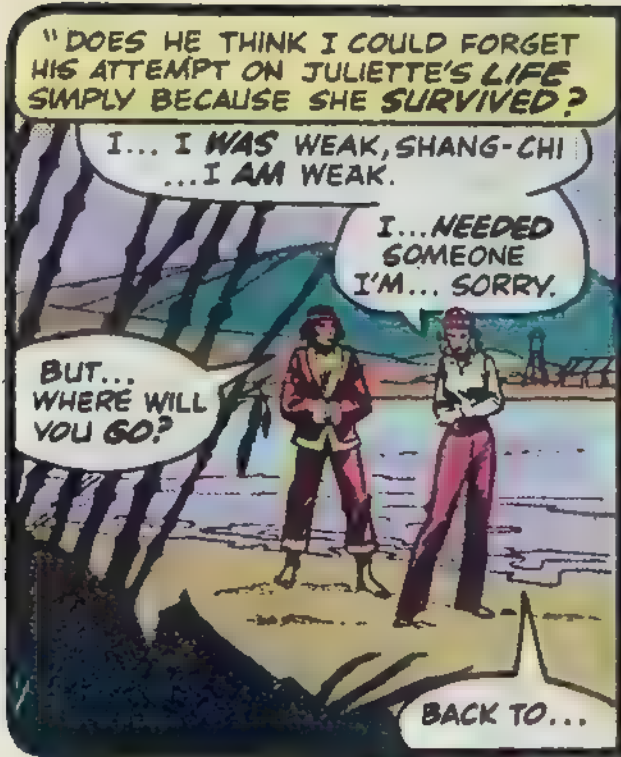
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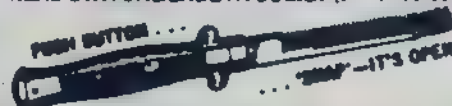
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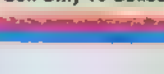
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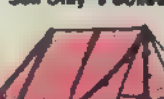
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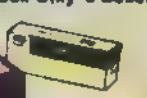
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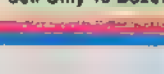
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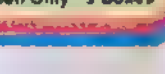
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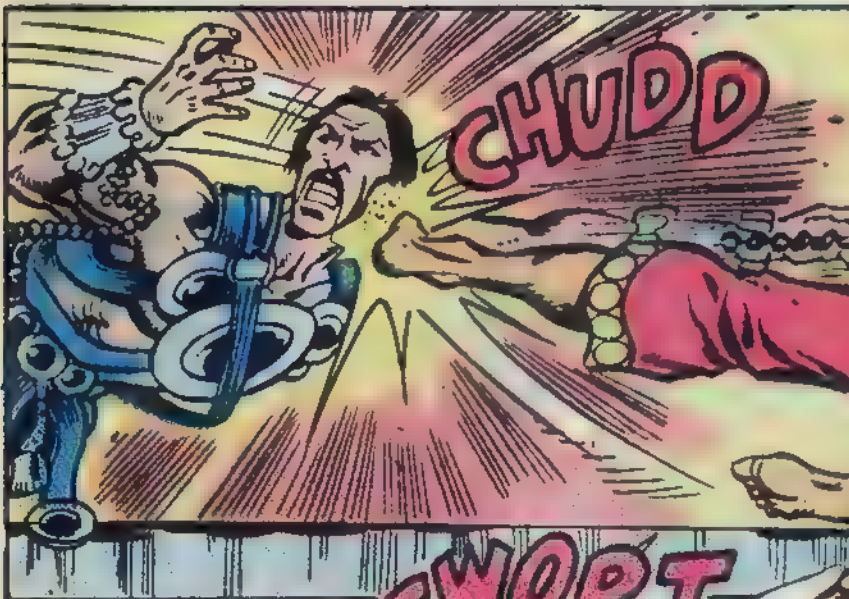
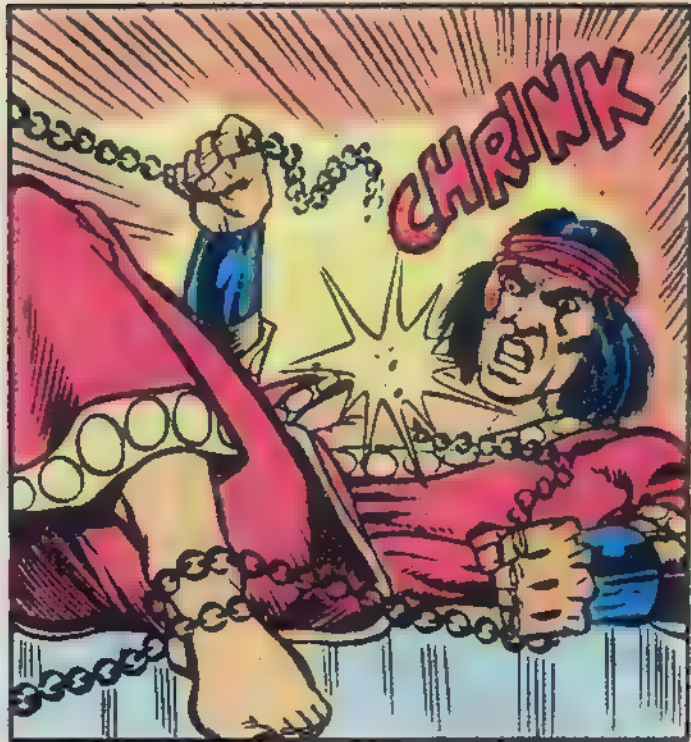


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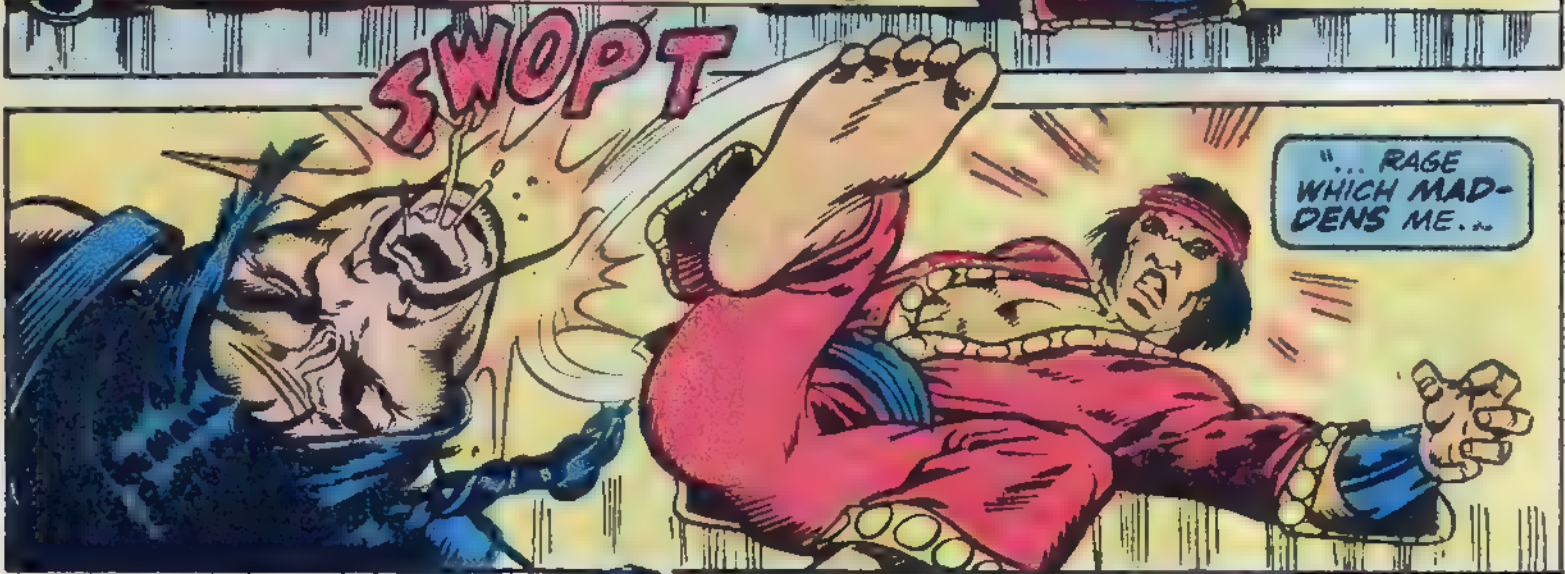




"THERE IS A HIGHER
PEAK OF RAGE WITHIN
ME..."



"... RAGE SUCH AS I HAVE NEVER FELT
BEFORE..."



"... RAGE
WHICH MAD-
DENS ME..."



"... AND RAGE WHICH BUILDS
EVEN MORE-- UNTIL I AM NOW
CONVINCED THAT I WILL AC-
COMPLISH WHAT I CLAIMED
TO SEEK..."

"... WHAT I
NEVER TRULY
BELIEVED I
COULD DO."



"I WILL
SLAY HIM."



"SLAY HIM!!"



"WAIT! HOW DID HE
KNOW? HOW DID HE
KNOW THAT THE
ONLY REASON I
CAME TO FIGHT HIM
-- TO SLAY HIM--"

"ONE MORE--
JUST ONE MORE--
THE KILLING BLOW
AND--"

"... IS THAT I
NO LONGER HAVE
ANY REASON?"

STOP!



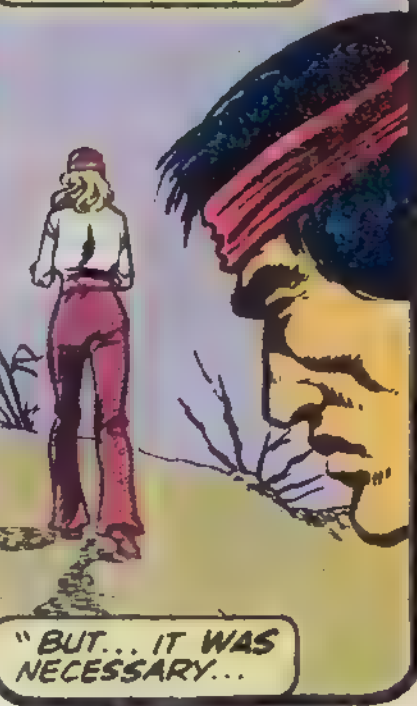
JULIETTE--?

PLEASE,
SHANG-CHI...
STOP.

JUST STOP...
AND I'LL TAKE
HIM AWAY FROM
HERE.

"SHE... DID NOT
REPLY..."

WE'LL JUST...
LEAVE.



"BUT... IT WAS
NECESSARY..."

BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN'S SOAPBOX

Well, it happened again! There I was, making a soul-stirring speech at good ol' James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia recently, when one of the frantic Marvelites in the madly-cheering audience reminded me of a promise I'd forgotten a decade ago! He said that I'd promised, in the late sixties, to do a column entitled "What is a Bigot?"—and then he pointed an accusing finger and sonorously intoned, "And we're still waiting for it!" Wow, with my laughable little memory I can hardly remember what I said an hour ago, so I'm assuming the forthright flamekeeper was correct, and herewith and forthwith shall that so-grievous oversight be summarily remedied!

From where I sit, bigotry is one of the many stains upon the human escutcheon which must be eradicated before we can truthfully call ourselves civilized. It comes in many forms and shapes, but it's most easily recognized in the form of cruel and mindless generalizations; such as when you hear some yo-yo say "All Italians are like this", or "All Germans are like that", or "All women are so-and-so" or "All blacks, or Catholics, or Jews, or redheads, or whatever are like this"! Well, they may not be aware of it, but the turkeys that talk that way—and it's always done in a disparaging, put-down manner, of course—are bigots, plain and simple! Anyone with an I.Q. slightly above a cretin's has to know that *all* of any type of humans are never always the same. There are good people and bad people, and all categories in between—and you'll find 'em amongst all races, all religions, all sizes, shapes, and sexes. You wanna dislike someone? Be my guest. It's a free country. But do it because he or she has personally given you a reason to feel that way, not because of skin color, or religion, or foreign ancestry, or the shape of their toenails, or any other moronic, mixed-up, mindless motive! Because, if you justify your hatred by smearing everyone in any given group with the same brush, then you're a bigot, Charlie!

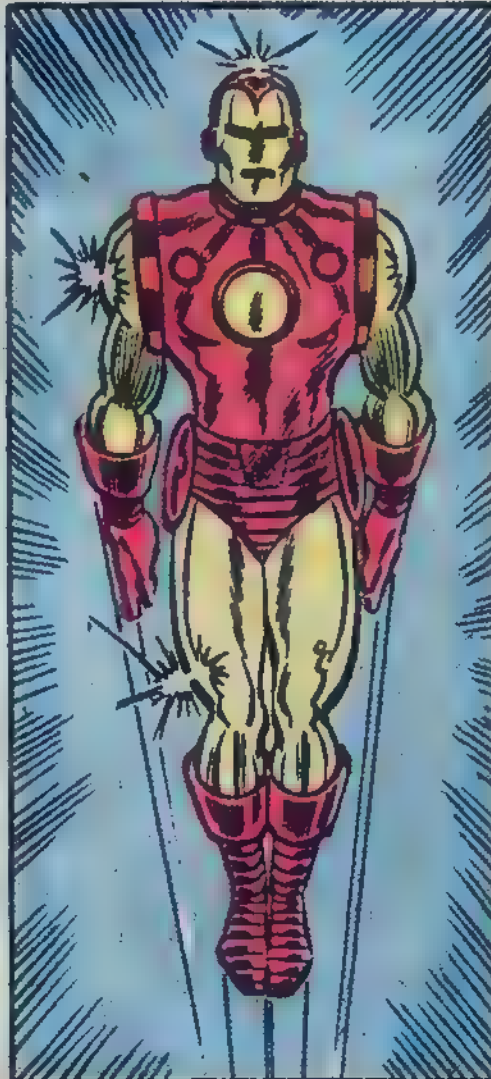
Okay, that's it. Never let it be said I don't keep my word when I promise to write about something—even if it happens to take ten years to get around to it!

Excelsior!

Stan

ITEM! In one way or another, *everyone* at Marvel is part of the crazed creative process that produces several dozen of the best comics magazines anywhere each month, but only a few folks can be listed in the credits. Actually, the artists, writers, editors and other Marvel stars whose names you've come to know would be lost without the services of our stalwart support troops. With that in

mind, we'd like to take time out to thank Titanic TONY CERNIGLIA and his mighty mailroom crew, MIKE (Great "K") KUDZINOWSKI, DANIEL (Poppy) LOCARIO, and Hopalong JOHN GALVIN, for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty during Marvel's recent reorganization. Not only did they keep inter-office communications flowing smoothly throughout the reshuffling, but they pitched in to rearrange desks, cart furniture, and in general kept logistical problems from bogging down the creative process. Well done, guys!



ITEM! If science fiction is your bag, or if you're simply a connoisseur of the finest in story and art, have we got something for you! MARVEL PREVIEW #15, featuring STARLORD—masterfully crafted by Chris Claremont, Carmine Infantino, and Bob Wiacek—is finished at last! For months, we at the Bullpen have been watching with pride as this labor of love evolved, and we feel it's bound to be one of the most talked about epics ever. Okay, you've been warned! Get down to your newsstand now and pick up a copy before they're all sold! And, for heaven's sake, if you don't see it, ask!

ITEM! While you're slogging your way through the mundane mire of everyday life, does it ever occur to you that you're in danger of letting down and becoming (ugh) *normal*? Take heart, embattled ones, for mighty Marvel's resident wackos, under the direction of Possessed PAUL LAIKIN, have concocted the ultimate remedy for encroaching sanity, namely, CRAZY #42, which has

been expanded to a full 80 pages of Daringly Dumb humor, outrageous parody and psychotic ramblings, all for only \$1.00! We call it the LET'S GO CRAZY SUPER SPECIAL, and it's absolutely guaranteed to quell sane tendencies! It's on sale now!

ITEM! Meanwhile, back in the real world, it is our pleasure to announce the regular pencilling debut of a certain young artist by the name of JOHN ROMITA, JR. John, who currently holds down a regular nine-to-five job as a staff artist as well, will lend his considerable talents to drawing monthly adventures of the Invincible IRON MAN beginning with issue #115, on sale now! Those who have seen the work of Jazzy JOHN ROMITA, SR. (and who hasn't?) on The Amazing SPIDER-MAN, both in the comics and in his widely syndicated newspaper strip, know that Jet-propelled John Jr. has some rather large footsteps to follow in. We've got a feeling though, once you've seen his work, you'll agree with us that he's off to a fantabulous start!

ITEM! While we're at it, we might also mention the terrific job that Dashing DAVE WENZEL is doing pencilling on one of Marvel's most demanding series, the AVENGERS. Dave was there in our hour of need, stepping in to help complete the ten-part super-cosmic Magnum Opus begun by Jim (Trouble) Shooter and George (Pace-setter) Perez long ago! Dave's dynamic drawing seems to get better and better with each panel. We just love watching future Superstars develop!

ITEM! You may have noticed that yet *another* new art team has been bringing the INVADERS to still new heights of glory of late. Audacious ALAN KUPPERBERG and Fancy FRANK SPRINGER have combined, under the guidance of prestigious writer/editor Rascally ROY THOMAS, to provide a virtual visual feast that is well worth a mere 35¢ investment! Believe it!



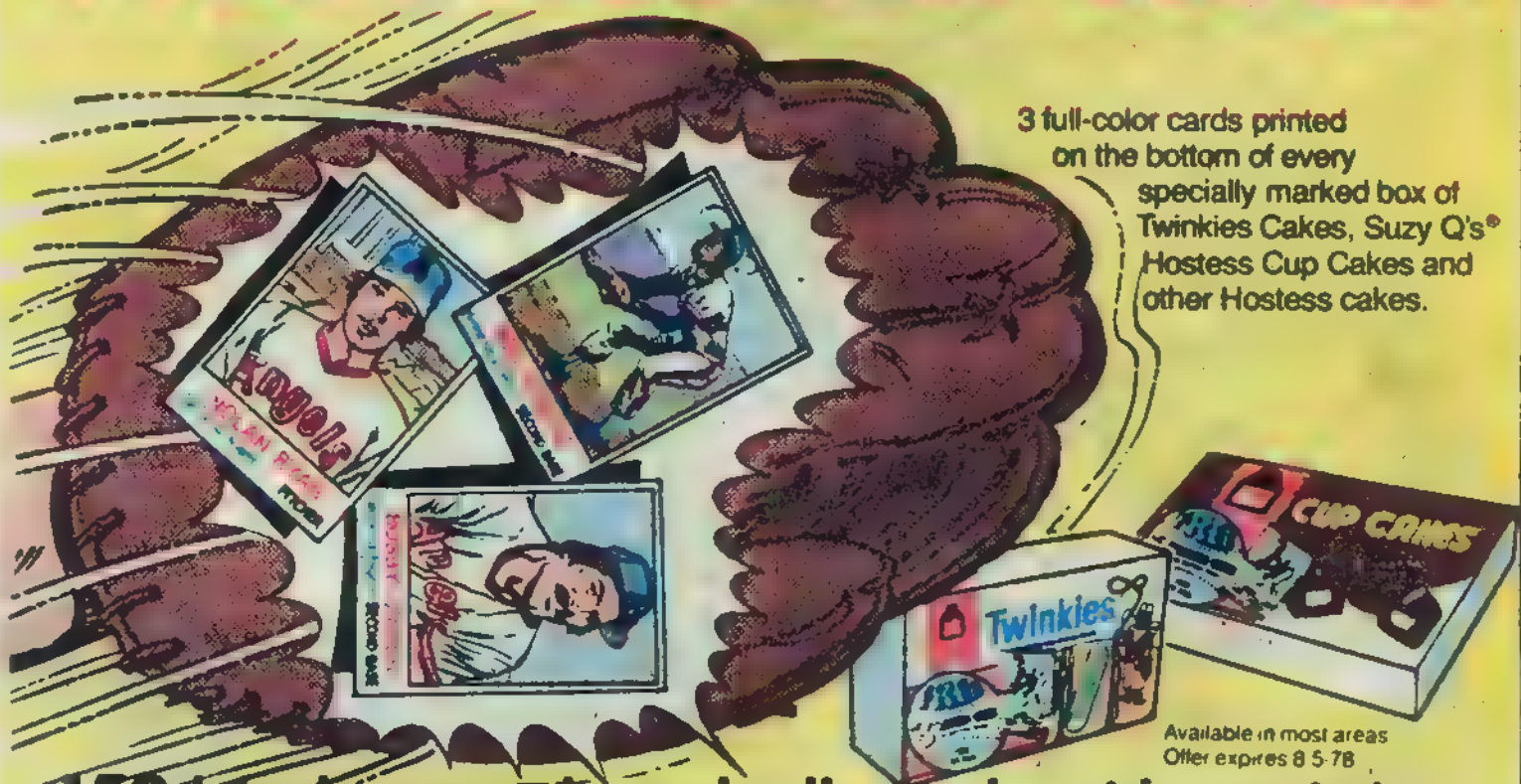
ITEM! If you want to hear about the latest Marvel doings from the Man himself, STAN LEE will be guest-of-honor August 12th at the Atlanta (Georgia) Comics and Fantasy Fair, being held at Dunfey's Royal Hotel! So if you're in the area, or even if you're not, zoom on down and shake the hand that shook the hand of Irving Forbush!

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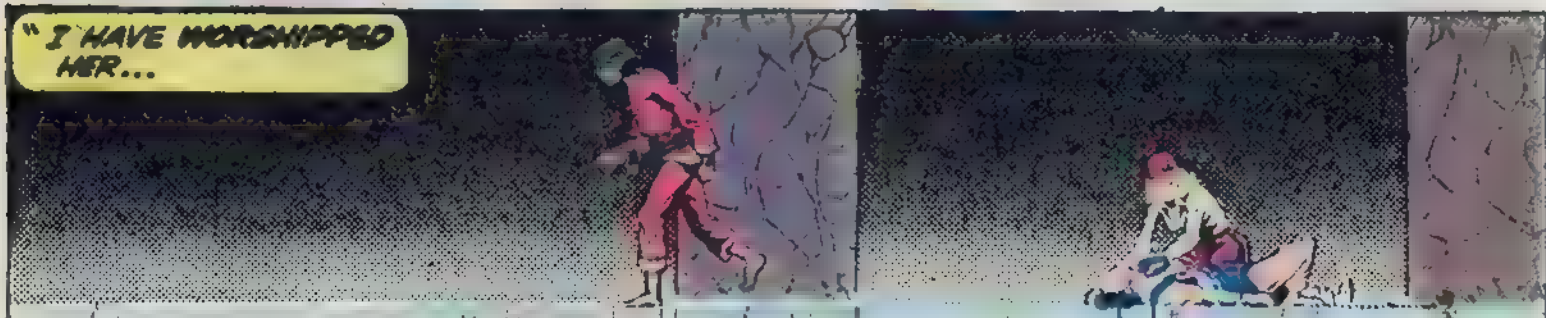
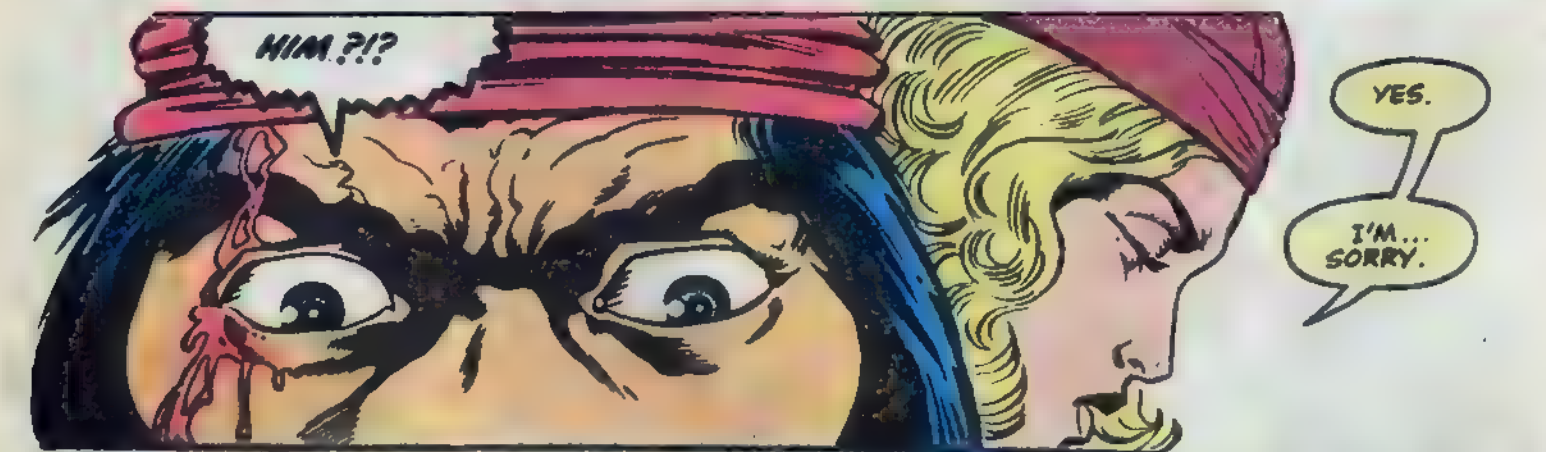
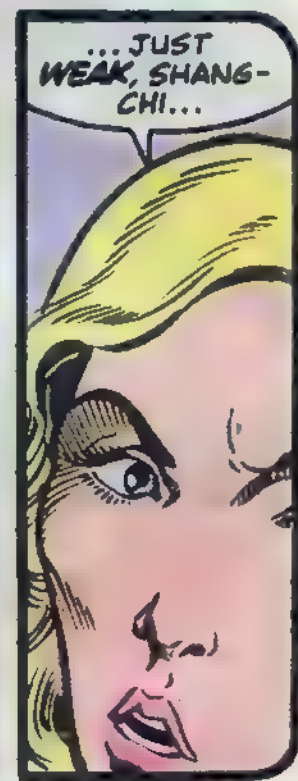
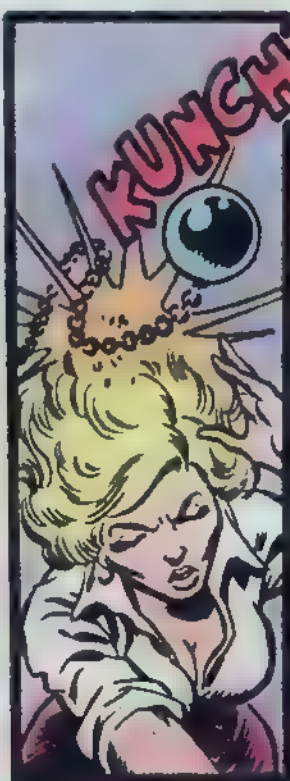
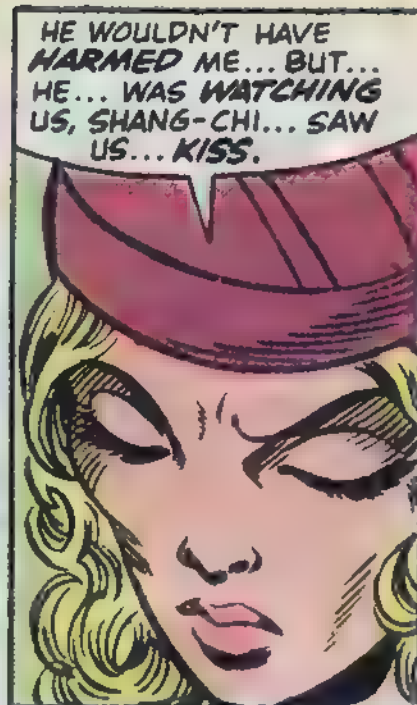


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HUMAN.



"PERHAPS SHE WEEPS, NOT SO MUCH FOR
HIM... BUT BECAUSE SHE KNOWS IT.



THE TEMPLE IS
OURS AGAIN?

YES.



YOU SEE? WE KNEW
THE TRUE MASTER WOULD
SEND SOMEONE TO RESTORE
HIS HOUSE TO US. THE YOUTH
DID COME TO SERVE OUR MASTER.



"NO.

NO... I
WAS TOO
WEAK...
ONLY
HUMAN.



OH?

OR PERHAPS... I
WAS IN LOVE.



"BUT NOW... IT IS
TIME TO DESCEND
... TO LOWER
HEIGHTS."

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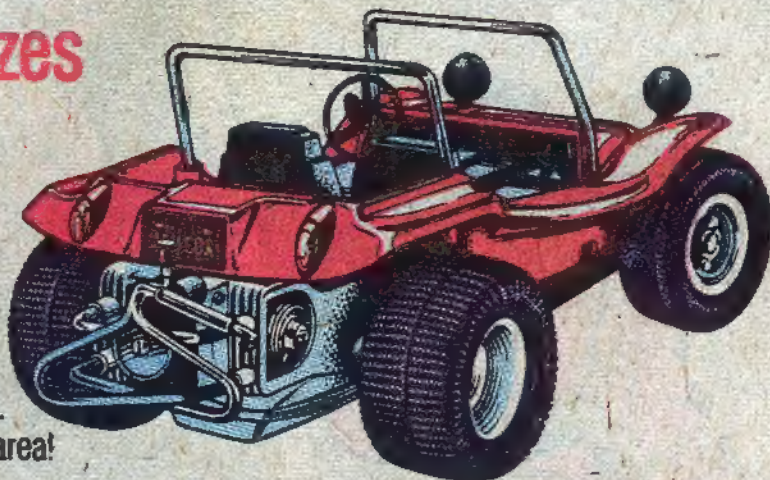
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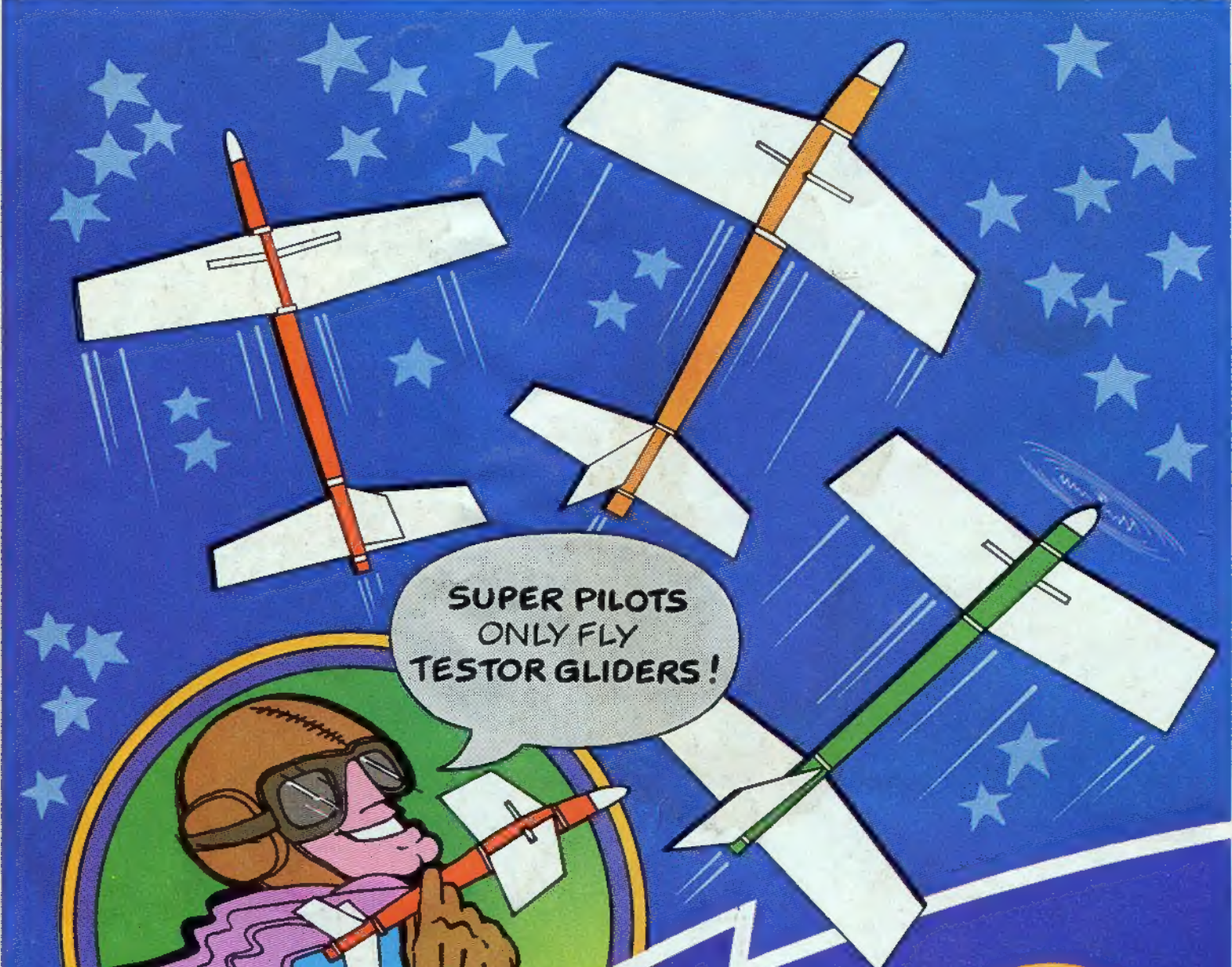
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